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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brodin *et al.*

Appl. No. 08/875,888

102(e) Date: August 6, 1997

For: **New Pharmaceutical Composition
with Anaesthetic Effect**



Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Rebecca Cook

Atty. Docket: ABA300/13003

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 1998, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Specification

Please amend page 11 of the specification, line 7, by deleting "SE96/01361" and replacing therefor -- PCT/SE96/01361 --.

In the Claims

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1(once amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- (i) one or more local anaesthetics in oil form [in the final composition];
- (ii) one or more surfactants[, together present] in an amount effective to produce a homogenous formulation, wherein at least one surfactant has thermoreversible gelling properties; and

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